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SUBJECT: COMMERCIAL RESOURCE ALLOCATION GUIDE (CRAG) FOR
SOUTH AFRICA

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1. MEMBASSY ACTION GROUP (EAG) MET IN PRETORIA DECEMBER 4-5.

2. AS REPORTED REFTEL, ONLY SIGNIFICANT DEVIATION FROM SUBSTANTIVE
WORKLOAD SO FAR THIS FY HAS BEEN ON MARKET RESEARCH PROJECTS. CONGEN
JOHANNESBURG NOW FULLY STAFFED FOR COMMERCIAL WORK AND MARKET RESEARC
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BACKLOG EXPECTED TO BE CLEANED UP ASAP, HOPEFULLY BY END FIRST QUARTE
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CY 1976. AT VERY LATEST.

3. AS DEPARTMENT AND COMMERCE RECOGNIZE, HEALTH CARE CATALOG SHOW NOT
PROVIDED FOR IN FY 76 CRAG AND DECISION TO HOLD SHOW MAY CAUSE
REALLOCATION OF MAN DAYS AMONG ACTIVITIES DESCRIBED IN TABLE ON PAGE
11 OF CRAG. WE WILL HOWEVER KEEP CURRENT ON ALL ESSENTIAL ACTIVITIES,
PARTICULARLY FEE-PAID ACTIVITIES SUCH AS WTDR AND ADS.

4. EAG POINTS OUT THAT POSTS CONTINUE TO RECEIVE FOLLOW-UPS
ON WTDR'S ALREADY SUBMITTED. REPORTING ON THESE, RESUBMITTING
OR MAILING COPY OF ORIGINAL MESSAGE IS TIME CONSUMING
ALTHOUGH EAG RECOGNIZES COMMERCE IS WORKING HARD TO KEEP BETTER
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TRACK OF WTDR'S ON RECEIPT IN COMMERCE.

5. EAG CALLED ATTENTION TO STATEMENT IN CRAG (PAGE4) THAT CAPE TOWN OFFICERS EXPECTED TO VISIT PORT ELIZABETH AND EAST LONDON FOUR TIMES A YEAR. EAG CONSIDERS THAT FUTURE CRAGS SHOULD BE CHANGED TO REFER TO VISITS BY PRETORIA OFFICERS AS WELL AS CAPE TOWN OFFICERS. (ECON/COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR VISITED THERE IN OCTOBER AS HAS AMBASSADOR. BOTH PLAN FURTHER VISITS.)

6. EAG (WHICH THIS TIME INCLUDED CONSULS GENERAL AND ALL OFFICERS CONCERNED WITH ECONOMIC OR COMMERCIAL WORK) REVIEWED ALL COMMERCIAL AND ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES, CURRENT POLICY PROBLEMS, AND STATE OF SA ECONOMY. SUBJECTS COVERED INCLUDED BALANCE OF PAYMENTS, EXCHANGE RATE, TRADE, INVESTMENT, INFLATION, GOLD, NUCLEAR ENERGY, HOMELANDS, RELATIONS WITH US BUSINESS, EXIM, EXCON, NAMIBIA, FOREIGN COURTS EVIDENCE ACT, RHODESIA, ARMS, EXCHANGE CONTROL, GATT AND MTN, CERP, WTDR, ADS, TOP, MARKET RESEARCH, CATALOG SHOW, UPCOMING YAOUNDE MEETING, SUPPORT OF PROGRAMS IN THE BLS STATES. MEETING WAS EXTREMELY USEFUL; WE PLAN TO REPEAT SHORTLY AFTER END OF FIRST QUARTER CY 1976, DEPENDING ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDING AFTER RECEIPT OF ALLOTMENT NOTICES FOR FY 1976.

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